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REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 13, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 13, 2006.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application of which claims 1-20 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

The Examiner finds that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed inventions:

I. Claims 5-9 drawn to a first technique for the visual improvement of transitions between streams with a same packet Identifier (PID) as illustrated in Figures 8-9.

II. Claims 10-14 drawn to a second technique for the visual improvement of transitions between streams with a same packet identifier (PID) as illustrated in Figure 10.

III. Claims 15-20 drawn to a third technique for the visual improvement of transitions between streams with a same packet identifier (PID) as illustrated in figures 11-12.

Applicants are required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 1-4 are generic.

Applicants provisionally elect claims 10-14 of Group II with traverse. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement, and request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

To the extent this restriction requirement is maintained by the Examiner, Applicants reserve the right to subsequently file a divisional application in order to prosecute the invention recited in the non-elected group(s) of claims.

As such and because of the above traversal, Applicants respectfully submit that the Right of Petition under 37 CFR §1.144 has been preserved.

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By this response, Applicants have preliminarily amended claim 1 and added new claims 21-33. Claim 1 has been amended and new claims 21-33 have been added to more clearly claim aspects of the invention and do not constitute new matter. Applicants request that the amendments be entered prior to the Examiner's substantive examination of this application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that all claims presently pending in this application are in condition for allowance. If however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Eamon J. Wall at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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